On Friday April 7th, a true hero visited Charlotte Catholic to tell his story. General Christmas is a highly respected war General who defended our great nation in the Vietnam War and was kind enough to come and speak to the students of Charlotte Catholic.

During his speech, General Christmas spoke about the war in Vietnam and some of the things that he learned from his experience. The General also spoke about honor and courage and how it applies to daily life.

Any student at Charlotte Catholic would say that the General’s speech was very moving. Being a very charismatic person, General Christmas spoke to the students as if he had known them for years.

“He seemed very comfortable up there, and it made it a lot easier to stay interested. General Christmas said some really great things that I will remember for the rest of my life” said Junior Adam Arenas.

Students were able to envision the war in Vietnam from a totally new perspective, a perspective very different from the history books. It was a totally new learning experience when students were able to hear about the war from someone that fought in it.

“The General painted a very vivid picture of the war in Vietnam; it was really easy to picture what was going on in your head. I now have even more respect for our veterans that fought in Vietnam and the soldiers that are fighting today” said Junior Kevin Jette.

The General was also kind enough to take questions from students in the crowd. Not knowing what to expect, General Christmas answered every question that was asked and really turned some heads.

“I was surprised at how well he handled all the questions. He had an answer for every question and more, he was also really funny” said Junior Sean Balbirnie.

Although though the yearly curriculum includes the war in Vietnam, hearing from a real veteran is a great learning experience that cannot be replaced. The General’s speech gave students an opportunity to learn something outside the books that could be extremely useful one day.

During his speech General Christmas spoke of two types of courage, Mental and Physical courage. If there is anything that the students of Charlotte Catholic should take away from the General’s speech, it’s that honor comes from courage; one cannot come without the other.